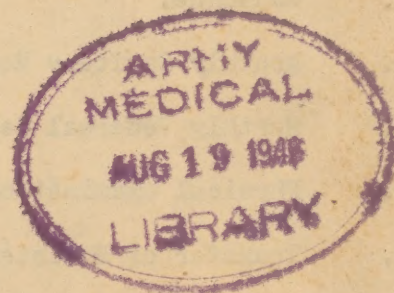


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FOREWORD

The Monthly Bulletin - Office of the Chief Surgeon, U.S.A.F.I.A. is published for the purposes of disseminating information of general interest and of administrative value to the Medical Department personnel of the United States Army Forces in Australia.

While the information contained herein will be compiled from information available in the Office of the Chief Surgeon, all Medical Department Officers and agencies are invited to submit items of general interest. Such material will be published as soon as practicable.

It is not intended that the material herein contained shall have the force of directives, but should be used as a guide by those concerned.

It is with the hope of assisting Medical Department personnel with their problems that this Bulletin has been initiated.

ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS AS PART OF FIELD RATION

Issuance of additional items as part of field ration - Changes in AR 30-2210.- Pending the printing of changes in AR 30-2210, March 15, 1940, paragraph 4d(2) of those regulations is changed as follows:

In the theater of operations, outside of the continental limits of the United States, when facilities are not available to make sales of these items to troops from sales commissaries, post exchanges, or commercial sources, the commander of the field forces may authorize the issue of any of the following items as a part of the field ration, not to exceed the allowances per ration as shown.

Articles	Quantities	Substitutive articles	Quantities
Candy ----- ounce	1		
Cigarettes ----- each	20	Tobacco, chewing - ounce --	1
		Tobacco, smoking - do --	1
		Papers, cigarette, to each	
		2 ounces of smoking tobacco	
		allowed each --	100
Matches, safety, for each is-			
issue of smoking tobacco or			
cigarettes ----- box	.5		
Soap, toilet ----- ounce	.14		
Blade, safety, razor - each	.14		
Brush, tooth ----- do -	.011		

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, PHYSICAL RECORD, AND MEDICAL STATEMENT

Physical examinations, physical record, and medical statement- Personnel in active Federal military service of the United States, except Regular Army officers, Regular Army nurses, and warrant officers of the Regular Army.- Paragraph 2, section I, Circular No. 146, War Department, 1941, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

2. Entrance physical examinations.- a. Every person who is ordered into the active military service of the United States under the provisions of paragraph 1 will be given a signed copy of his or her record of physical examination made at the time of entry into the service. Such copies will be

clearly marked "Copy" in large red overprint letters diagonally across the face of the form.

b. Individuals who are inducted into service under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 will not be given a copy of their record of physical examination. For each man inducted the physical defects shown on DSS Form 221 will be recorded at the induction station on W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 258 (Physical Record). In each such case, immediately below the caption "Record of injury, illnesses, and disability," the following subheading will be stamped or typed: "Defects noted upon examination for induction," followed by a list of the defects and the signature of the medical officer who executes DSS Form 221. If no defects are noted on examination, the statement "No physical defects noted upon entrance into active service" will be entered and signed. Immediately following the signature of the officer on the entry concerning physical examination on induction, a line will be drawn across the form. Record of injuries, illnesses, and disability required by the instructions on the back of the form will follow the initial entry. The above instructions will govern wherever they are in conflict with the instructions contained on the back of Form 258; section I, Circular No. 99, as amended by Circular No. 243; section III, Circular No. 222, War Department, 1941; and paragraph 13h (note b), MR 1-7, as changed by Changes No. 11, May 17, 1941.

AWARDS OF DECORATIONS

Awards of Decorations: - Changes in AR 600-45.- Pending the revision of AR 600-45, August 8, 1932, paragraph 6a of those regulations is changed as follows:

6a. Awards of decorations are made by the War Department, acting for the President, except that the commanding general of a separate army or of a higher unit in the field in time of war may award all decorations other than the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Medal, under the conditions prescribed in these regulations.

TRANSFER OF ENLISTED MEN

Transfer of Enlisted Men- Temporary changes in AR 615-200.- Executive for the duration of the war, paragraphs 1 and 10c, AR 615-200, November 24, 1939, are changed as follows:

1. Reasons.- Transfers of enlisted men will be made for cogent reasons only. They will not be made solely for the enlisted man's convenience.

10c. An application for transfer will be returned to the applicant without further action when it has been disapproved by his regimental or similar unit commander or when the transfer is manifestly for the convenience of the enlisted man.

CLASS E ALLOTMENTS

Class E Allotments.- 1. All class E allotments in effect on December 7, 1941, will be automatically extended for the duration of the war unless discontinued by written or radio authority of the allotter or officer responsible for personnel records of the individual concerned. Officers responsible for preparation of pay rolls or individual pay vouchers will continue to show deductions for all class E allotments in effect on December 7, 1941, regardless of date of expiration indicated on initial allotment.

2. Those overseas may initiate class E allotments by radio to be followed by necessary forms.

VACCINATION AGAINST TYPHUS FEVER, CHOLERA, AND PLAGUE

Vaccination against typhus fever, cholera, and plague.- The following instructions are published for the guidance of all concerned:

1. All military personnel stationed in or traveling through Asia, Africa, continental Europe, or other areas where danger from epidemic typhus fever exists will be immunized with typhus vaccine as prescribed by The Surgeon General.

2. All military personnel stationed in or traveling through Asia or other regions where cholera is known to be present in endemic or epidemic form will be immunized with cholera vaccine as prescribed by The Surgeon General.

3. All military personnel under serious threat of exposure to epidemics of human bubonic or pulmonic plague will be immunized with plague vaccine as prescribed by The Surgeon General.

EXPENDABLE PROPERTY

Property expendable when issued - Gold materials for Dental use :-
Articles of gold materials for dental use designated by The Surgeon General

as nonexpendable are to be issued to the dental officer on memorandum receipt, as prescribed in paragraph 13c AR 35-6560.

MONTHLY SANITARY REPORTS

Monthly Sanitary Reports - Reports should be made out in quadruplicate or greater number if necessary by the Surgeon of every field force unit. The original and at least one copy should be forwarded to the Adjutant General through command channels by unit commanders noting any action taken. This report should not be forwarded through Medical channels.

MONTHLY VENEREAL REPORTS

Monthly Venereal Reports - The Surgeon of each unit should render to his commanding officer a monthly venereal disease report for each company of the units as prescribed in regulations and should forward a copy to the post Surgeon (or similar Surgeon) for his information. This report should not be forwarded through Medical channels.

FINAL PAY AND ALLOWANCE ACCOUNTS OF RESERVE NURSES OF THE ARMY NURSE CORPS.

Final pay and allowance accounts of Reserve nurses of the Army Nurse Corps.- 1. The provisions of paragraph 10, AR 35-2020, requiring that the final pay and allowance accounts of Army nurses be forwarded to the Finance Officer, U.S.Army, Washington, D.C., for payment, are suspended for the duration of the present emergency insofar as accounts of Reserve nurses of the Army Nurse Corps are concerned.

2. Accordingly, until further notice, final pay vouchers of Reserve nurses of the Army Nurse Corps will be submitted to and paid by finance officers at the stations where such Reserve nurses are discharged.

3. The letter of assignment to active service as Reserve nurse, which under the provisions of paragraph 10, AR 35-2020, is required to accompany the voucher, will, after it has served its purpose, be returned to the nurse through The Surgeon General.

4. The provisions of paragraph 5c, AR 35-1740, as to the certificate of the commanding officer at last duty station will be complied with.

DENTAL SECTION

1. SUPPLIES:

The materials for the manufacture of many items on our Medical Supply Table are greatly restricted at present in the United States. Burs are one of the most critical items, at present. The assortment of sizes for the Army has been recently reduced and priority has been given for the manufacture of a limited number of only certain sizes. All those concerned in the issue of dental burs and especially Dental Officers and Assistants who use and care for them, are enjoined to exercise the utmost care in their consumption. All burs which have become dull through use, but are still undamaged will be retained by Dental Officers and kept in a clean condition in sealed containers with a view of their possible future value to the Military service.

2. BASE SECTION DENTAL CONSULTANTS:

Base Section Dental Consultants are being designated in each Base Section. In addition to their professional duties, they will act as consultants to the Base Section Surgeon on matters pertaining to the Dental Service. Circular letters containing instructions for preparing the Report of Dental Service (Form 57 M.D.) and Supply Tables giving the contents of the Chest 60 M.D. have been furnished to the Base Section Dental Consultants for distribution to the Dental Officers in their Base Section.

It is suggested that the Dental Consultant in the Base Surgeon's Office be contacted regarding any questions that might arise with reference to reports and requisitions.

3. DENTAL LABORATORIES:

Dental laboratories will be established at each Base Section Headquarters. Where there are large concentrations of troops, it is proposed that central dental laboratories be established, similar to the central dental laboratories in the U.S..

4. CARE AND PRESERVATION OF HANDPIECES:

The care and preservation of all handpieces is vitally important. Assistants will be instructed in their routine care and maintenance. Every effort will be made by all concerned in their use to keep them properly cleaned and oiled. There is no provision for procuring replacement parts or repair of handpieces, therefore, a handpiece which is broken or damaged, must be considered a total loss. The maintenance allowance for this item is very limited.

CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS.

Cir. 86, Par. III, W.D., March 24, 1942.

III. OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOLS. - Paragraph 15, Section II, Circular 48, War Department, 1942, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

15. Physical. - a. General. - The standard of final type physical examination will be that required for commission in the Army of the United States, except for height, which will be the same as that for selectees, and except as indicated in b and c below.

b. Dental. - Applicants who meet the following minimum dental requirements and who are otherwise qualified will be eligible for commission for general military duty in all arms and services:

(1) Individuals may be accepted who have a minimum of three serviceable natural masticating teeth above and three below, and three masticating natural incisors above and three below so opposed as to serve the purpose of mastication and incision in actual contact when the mandible is at rest in centric occlusion.

(2) In lieu of the minimum number of serviceable natural teeth set forth above the following will be acceptable for individuals who otherwise do not show evidence of physical impairment either from loss of masticatory efficiency or from ill health incurred from the pathological processes which led to their loss of teeth.

(a) In the upper jaw, a minimum of an edentulous ridge corrected or correctible by a full denture.

(b) In the lower jaw a minimum of a sufficient number of natural lower teeth in proper position and condition to support a partial denture which can be removed and replaced by the individual and which is retained by means of clasps with rests and/or special precision attachments to abutment teeth wherein the stress of mastication is borne partially by the abutment teeth and partially by the soft tissues of the mouth.

c. Visual acuity. - Applicants whose visual acuity is below 20/100 but not below 20/200 in each eye without glasses if correctible to 20/40 in each eye (the actual possession of suitable glasses by an individual is not required for his acceptance under these standards) and who are otherwise qualified will be eligible for commission for duty with the Medical Administrative Corps, the Quartermaster Corps, the Finance Department, the Ordnance Department, the Chemical Warfare Service, the Adjutant General's Department, and Army Air Force Administrative installations.

d. Waiver. - See paragraph 18b for waivers of disqualifying defects.

ARMY NURSE CORPS

Any commander to whom the War Department has extended express authority to promote commissioned officers is authorized to promote, upon recommendation of the Surgeon of his command, nurses to the grade of chief nurse in numbers not to exceed the authorized quota as shown in Tables of Organization for Hospitals under his jurisdiction. Report of all promotions will be forwarded immediately to the Surgeon General, through the Office of the Chief Surgeon, U.S.A.F.I.A.

MEDICINE

The great value of Sulfanilamide in prevention of infection in wounds is emphasized. There is a great responsibility upon all Unit Commanders, and Medical Officers in the matter of instruction as to the value of the drug and its supply to Combat troops.

Concentrated Vitamins are to be furnished all troops as quickly as they can be procured.

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